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R & D IN DRUGS SECTORS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has a proposal to promote Research and Development in the Drugs and Pharmaceutical sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the department that has been entrusted in this task; and

(d) the specific R&D programme drawn up in the drugs and pharmaceutical sector for 2004-05?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (d) Based on the recommendations of the Pharmaceutical Research and Development Committee, a Pharmaceutical Research and Development Support Fund (PRDSF) has been established under the administrative control of the Department of Science and Technology with an initial corpus of Rs.150 crores. The interest accrued on PRDSF would be utilized for providing financial assistance for R&D projects proposed by industry/academic institution/laboratories and also for creation of state of the art facilities in the country. Government has also constituted Drug Development Promotion Board under the administrative control of the Department of Science and Technology to operationalise the PRDSF. This Board is assisted by an Expert Committee to screen R&D projects for financial support.